I. GENERAL QUESTIONS

How many people take the train now?
Over 1,000 people a day ride a Sounder Train or Express Bus from the Sumner Station.

How many train trips are there today?
There are 10 round trip trains today and it will increase to 13 trains in 2017.

Is the project fully funded?
Yes. Funding was approved for access improvements by voters during Sound Transit 2 in 2008.

Why does it take so long to complete this project?
In fall of 2014 Sound Transit began the preliminary design and environmental review phase of the project. This review phase a necessary step before a project can begin construction. After we complete this phase in 2016, we will move into final design.

Will Sound Transit add additional trains during the day and over the weekends?
Sound Transit will be adding three Sounder south line round trips by 2017. Two of the additional roundtrips are expected to include mid-day hours. Since Sound Transit is a commuter train and shares the tracks with Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway and Amtrak, late evening and weekend train service is limited and only scheduled for special events.

II. PARKING

How many parking spaces are at the station today?

- North Station lot: 68
- Main Station lot: 234
- City lot: 50
- Total parking: 352

How much parking is Sound Transit planning to add?
The current plan is to add about 530 spaces near the station.

How did you come up with the need for "up to 600 parking stalls?"
Sound Transit needs to provide capacity for increased Sounder ridership, which is expected to grow to a total of 1500 riders per day by 2035. The majority of both existing and future Sounder riders are expected to arrive at the station by automobile. With 530 additional riders expected to patronize the station, and additional 530 spaces are planned to accommodate this need.

Where will the new garage be located?
The new garage will be located on site at the station.

II. DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

Why can't Sound Transit build another station?
As part of ST2, a voter-approved ballot measure passed in 2008, Sound Transit was asked to place the stations where they are today (in Puyallup and Sumner). Moving them would be very costly and inefficient.

How tall would the pedestrian bridge over the tracks be?
The bridge could be anywhere between 25 -35 feet (2-1/2 to 3-1/2 stories).

How tall will the parking garage be and how many levels will it have?
The project team will address these questions over the next few years as they work through the design phase.

Where will parking be during construction?
Parking will be temporarily provided at the Washington Tractor lot only during construction.

II. IMPACTS TO THE COMMUNITY

By the time the garage is built, will there be enough spots to meet the future demand for parking?
The addition of 530 stalls would provide parking for almost 60 percent of the 1500 riders we expect to use the station in 2035. Currently there is parking for about 35 percent of the riders. The project team will work to maximize the number of stalls within the new garage.

Will parking in the garage be free for users?
Parking will likely remain free.

How will the new garage benefit the community?
The new garage will provide the city with approximately 530 more parking spots and reduce the need for Sound Transit riders to park on city streets. The project team will consider the community's aesthetics and attempt to reduce visual and traffic-related impacts.

How will Sound Transit mitigate traffic after the garage is installed?
Sound Transit will continue to consider various traffic mitigation options throughout design, including improvements to the SR 410/Traffic Avenue interchange.